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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500
for Randy Steen

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: SJCOG 2002/03 – 2004/05 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 3

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 3 to the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 30, 2002. This amendment removes the project listing for the I-580/I-205 truck climbing lane project from the grouped State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) project listing in the SJCOG 2002/03 FTIP because this project is principally located within Alameda County, which is within the planning area for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). This amendment also modifies the FTIP program category, from SHOPP to Retrofit Soundwall, for the Southbound I-5 project near 8th Street at Walker Slough Bridge and the Northbound I-5 project near Stockton Channel Viaduct to Mount Diablo. The SJCOG Board adopted Resolution Number R-03-10 on October 24, 2002, approving these FTIP modifications and reaffirming the conformity of SJCOG's amended FTIP with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

We find that the subject amendment to the SJCOG FTIP was developed through a process in accord with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and Chapter 53 of 49 U.S.C. Based on our review of the project listing and supporting documentation that were submitted with your FSTIP programming request, we are approving the removal of the listing for the I-580/I-205 truck climbing lane project from the grouped listing of SHOPP projects and the reclassification of the two listed projects on Interstate 5 to the Retrofit Soundwall project category. The FHWA is providing this approval in accordance with the procedures outlined in the joint FHWA/FTA Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments dated March 8, 1996.

Sincerely,

For
Gary N. Hamby
Division Administrator